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For: FUNCTIONAL ISOLATION OF UPGRADEABLE COMPONENTS TO REDUCE  
RISK IN MEDICAL

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 9, 2007, please reconsider the  
above-identified application based on the following remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.